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SUBJ: MOROCCAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S COMMENTS ON MIDDLE EAST

1. DURING CALL ON FON MIN LARAKI APRIL 2, I ASKED FOR HIS VIEWS ON CURRENT MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. LARAKI, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM CAIRO AND SAUDI ARABIA, COMMENTED THAT ALTHOUGH SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD FAILED IN HIS IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE OF A FURTHER ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN DISENGAGEMENT, CERTAIN POSITIVE ASPECTS HAD NONETHELESS EMERGED. GOM, LARAKI EMPHASIZED, HAD GIVEN STRONG SUPPORT TO KISSINGER EFFORTS IN CONTACTS WITH OTHER ARABS, AND WOULD CONTINUE THIS POLICY WITH RESPECT TO FUTURE U.S. PEACE MOVES.

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2. ON POSITIVE SIDE, LARAKI CONTINUED, KISSINGER

MISSION HAD HELPED CONSOLIDATE SADAT'S POSITION. IT HAD ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO ALERTING U.S. PUBLIC OPINION REGARDING ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE.

3. BASIC TWO-PILLARED PRINCIPLE OF MIDDLE EAST PEACE, LARAKI EXPANDED, WAS THAT THERE COULD BE NO WAR WITHOUT EGYPT AND NO PEACE WITHOUT PALESTINIANS. THUS STRENGTHENING OF SADAT HAD BEEN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY, AS U.S. HAD WELL RECOGNIZED. GOM WELCOMED SADAT'S ANNOUNCEMENT ON REOPENING OF SUEZ CANAL AND EXTENSION OF UNEF, WHICH HAD LESSENED TENSION AND PROVIDED NEW ELEMENT OF FLEXIBILITY. REOPENING OF CANAL WAS MAJOR STEP, LARAKI UNDERLINED, AND A DEFINITE SIGNAL OF NON-BELLIGERENCE, WHILE ISRAEL HAD NOT TAKEN COMPARABLE MEASURES.

4. LARAKI DID NOT SEE IMMINENT DANGER OF RENEWED FIGHTING, AT LEAST FROM ARAB SIDE, DESPITE CERTAIN DEGREE OF TENSION GENERATED BY SUSPENSION OF KISSINGER MISSION. WAR MADE NO SENSE FOR SADAT, LARAKI ASSERTED.

5. ON FUTURE U.S. POLICY, LARAKI ELABORATED, ARABS FRANKLY SAW ISRAEL NOT JUST AS ALLY BUT AS PARTNER OF U.S. NOW WAS TIME TO MOVE ON PALESTINIAN ISSUE. U.S.-ISRAELI PARTNERSHIP COULD GET THE JOB DONE. LARAKI WONDERED PARENTHETICALLY WHETHER SENATOR MCGOVERN'S MEETING WITH ARAFAT HAD HAD STATE DEPARTMENT APPROVAL. I REPLIED I HAD NO INSIDE INFORMATION ON SUBJECT. (ANY SPECIAL BACKGROUND DEPT. COULD PROVIDE THAT I COULD CONVEY TO LARAKI WOULD BE WELCOME.)

6. RE GENEVA TALKS, LARAKI DID NOT PERCEIVE MUCH HOPE WITHOUT PALESTINIANS. HE REITERATED MOROCCAN VIEW THAT GENEVA FORUM WOULD BE MOST SUITABLE FOR RATIFICATION OF ACCORDS ALREADY REACHED. KEY TO FUTURE PROGRESS, HE RECAPITULATED, WAS TO MAKE ISRAELI PARTNERS UNDERSTAND WITHOUT DELAY THE NEED TO INCLUDE PALESTINIANS FULLY IN PEACE EFFORTS.

7 LARAKI ALSO NOTED THAT RECENT ARAB CONTACTS HAD INCLUDED CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE.
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ONE PROBLEM, HOWEVER, WAS AVAILABILITY OF SAUDIS AT THIS STAGE AND TIMING WAS UNCERTAIN.

8. COMMENT: LARAKI GAVE NO SIGN OF ALARM THAT CURRENT SITUATION MIGHT DEGENERATE SUDDENLY INTO NEW OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES. HE WAS INSTEAD RELATIVELY UPBEAT ON FUTURE NEGOTIATING POSSIBILITIES. WHILE MOROCCANS ARE OBVIOUSLY HOPEFUL THAT GENEVA TALKS MIGHT PRODUCE SOME PROGRESS IF

U.S. PRESSES ISRAELI "PARTNER" HARD ENOUGH AND INITIATES
DIALOGUE WITH PALESTINIANS, GOM CONTINUES TO BE AWARE THAT
MUCH DIPLOMATIC SPADEWORK WILL BE NECESSARY BEHIND THE
SCENES. LARAKI'S REMARKS ABOUT POSSIBLE ARAB SUMMIT GAVE
IMPRESSION THAT PLANNING WAS NOT VERY FAR ALONG.
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